

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are intended to broaden the scope of the claims and include consistent statements within the SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION as well as elsewhere. This broadening of the overall invention is to delete the limitation that the resin is specifically a thermoplastic. This additional breadth is responsive to the application of the prior art which teaches a broader range of resin material and yet was applied against the present claims. As such, the eliminated limitation in the claims is inferred not to have been a factor in the prior rejections.

Reference is made to Akao et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,492,741, where the paragraph in column 3, beginning on line 56 first speaks of thermoplastic resins and then introduces the concept of crosslinking. Similarly, Hedrick et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,843,591, references both linear and cross-linking of polyamides at column 4, line 3 *et seq.*

Applicant has separately submitted with this Supplemental Amendment a further Information Disclosure Statement with material identified by a search in a PCT application corresponding to the priority application to this present application. This material was not earlier submitted because of a lack of continuity between counsel handling the application. Further, a copy of the publication of that PCT application is submitted. Additionally, a later patent publication listing the materials contemplated by this application is included as well.

In the Response previously filed, examples were given of a plaque-shaped article made of polymethyl methacrylate and 1% by weight naturally occurring aluminosilicate glass. As the claims reflect a maximum of 2% of the added material, a declaration is now supplied regarding a sample consistent with the 2% maximum specified in the claims.

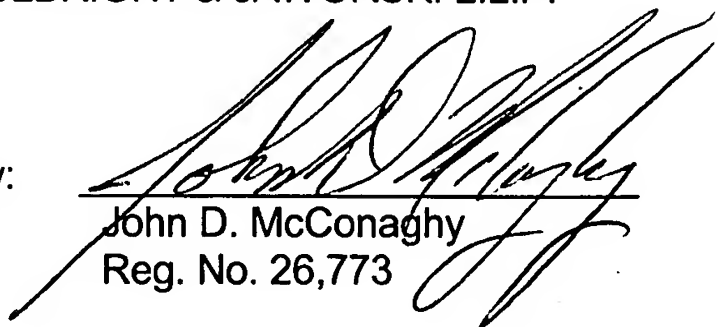
To repeat a request presented in the response to which this Supplemental Amendment augments, Applicants request an interview with the Examiner prior to any further action.

Respectfully submitted,

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